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LOANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NABARD has drawn up a programme for providing funds for construction of godowns in various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the funds provided so far under this scheme; and

(d) the State-wise details of the districts where these godowns have been constructed or proposed to be constructed under this programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it extends refinance facilities to banks for financing the construction of godowns by State Warehousing Corporation in the country on a selective basis. In addition, to augment the storage capacity for fruits and vegetables, NABARD is implementing a capital investment subsidy scheme for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce with subsidy to the extent of 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh (33%) or maximum of Rs. 60 lakh in North-Eastern Region. Under the scheme, the finance is provided at concessional rate of interest of prime lending rate + 1% to the ultimate borrowers and refinance at a uniform rate of 8.5% per annum to the financing banks. NABARD is also formulating a scheme for construction of godowns by private parties, corporations, etc. with subsidy from Government. The scheme is, however, under examination.

(c) The State-wise details of the refinance provided by NABARD for storages and market yards as also cold storage units covered by Government scheme to the banks during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement-I. The State-wise details of the sanction of cold storage units under Government scheme and disbursement of refinance and subsidy thereagainst are given in the enclosed statement-II.

(d) The details of the location of cold storage scheme are given in the enclosed statement III.